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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Thursday, 5 March 1953

PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, [redacted] Amory and [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Asked for suggestions to effect complete coordination within the Agency in regard to Stalin's illness. Mr. Wisner noted that [redacted] were personally working on the problem and discussions had been held with [redacted] of PSB and in some instances representatives of the Department of State. Mr. Becker gave the Director a memorandum from [redacted] and the [redacted] on this subject, and after some discussion Mr. Dulles asked that: (1) sufficient copies of this memorandum be prepared for dissemination to the members of PSB at today's luncheon; (2) DD/P provide him with a one-page memorandum outlining what "we think" of the Stalin situation; (3) a small committee be established composed of representatives from ONE, OCI and DD/P, to pull together and organize information on the "Stalin Situation"; (4) consideration be given to dispatching cables [redacted] giving them policy guidance in connection with Stalin and noted that he (DCI) would in all probability have further ideas on this after today's PSB Luncheon.

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d. Briefly discussed his conversation with J. Edgar Hoover and noted it could not have been better. The Director subsequently stated he intended to prepare a memorandum for the record of this meeting.

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f. Noted a cable from [redacted] in regard to [redacted] and stated he would send a reply.

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e. Stated that [redacted] had agreed to become a consultant, particularly on matters of interest to FI, and asked [redacted] to follow through on this. In this connection, the Director stated that at an appropriate time one of the FI officers should call on [redacted]

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Mr. Wisner:

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c. Referred to a certain matter concerning Mr. William J. Porter of State, and after some discussion ^{PO17} undertook to bring this to the attention of Park Armstrong. *Dene*

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Mr. Becker:

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a. Raised the question of a CIA representative on the "Bush Disarmament Committee" and after some discussion the Director approved the designation of [redacted]

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b. Noted that [redacted] had retired and the question of reimbursement for his services as Chairman of the Special Evaluation

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Mr. Becker (Continued):

Sub-Committee, NSC, had been raised. In this connection, Mr. Becker recalled a previous conversation with General Smith concerning payment of [redacted] from CIA funds and noted that General Smith felt that the Agency should not be responsible. After some discussion, however, it was agreed that for the benefit of all concerned, [redacted] should be reimbursed for his services by CIA.

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